

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address impairments in the following seven watersheds: Broad Run, South Run, Kettle Run, Occoquan River (below Lake Jackson), Little Bull Run, Bull Run, and Popes Head Creek. The subject stream segments, all in the Occoquan Basin, are identified in Virginia's 2004 305(b)/303(d) Report on Impaired Waters as impaired due to exceedances of the State's water quality criterion for fecal coliform bacteria. South Run, Bull Run, and Popes Head Creek are also listed as impaired due to violations of the general standard for state waters. (Please note that the Occoquan Reservoir is NOT impaired for bacteria or any other drinking water standard.)

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) list.

The impaired stream segments are located in Fairfax, Fauquier, and Prince William counties, and their location is set forth in the table below.

Occoquan Streams Impairments for TMDL Development						
Stream	County/City	Length (mi.)	Impairment	Upstream	Downstream	Road crossing
Broad Run	Prince William	7.26	Bacteria	Confluence of Rocky Branch	Confluence of Cannon Branch	Rte. 28
Broad Run	Prince William	1.51	Bacteria	Confluence of an unnamed tributary to Broad Run	Start of Lake Manassas	Rte. 29/211
Broad Run	Prince William	1.06	Bacteria	Confluence with Mill Run	Confluence with Trapp Run	Rte. 628
Kettle Run	Prince William	7.59	Bacteria	Confluence of an unnamed tributary to Kettle Run	Confluence with Broad Run	Rte. 619

South Run	Fauquier, Prince William	2.34	Bacteria, benthic	Downstream of Lake Brittle	Confluence with Lake Manassas	Rte. 215
Occoquan River	Prince William	1.61	Bacteria	Downstream of Lake Jackson	Confluence of Purcell Branch	Rte. 234
Little Bull Run	Prince William	3.03	Bacteria	Confluence with Catharpin Creek	Confluence with Lick Branch	Rte. 705
Bull Run	Prince William, Fairfax	4.8	Bacteria, benthic	Confluence of Cub Run to Bull Run	Confluence with Popes Head Creek	Rte.28
Popes Head Creek	Fairfax	4.92	Bacteria, benthic	Confluence of Piney Branch	Confluence with Bull Run	Rte. 645

The third public meeting on the development of the Occoquan Basin Streams TMDLs will be held on **Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Central Community Library located at 8601 Mathis Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL study will begin on March 13, 2006, and end on April 12, 2006. Fact Sheets on the development of the TMDLs for the impairments referenced above are available upon request, or at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/>. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Bryant Thomas. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Mr. Bryant Thomas, Department of Environmental Quality Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia, 22193, telephone (703) 583-3843, Fax (703) 583-3841, or e-mail bhthomas@deq.virginia.gov.